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SUBJECT: ICCS: BUDGET STORY BY AFP

1. AFP HAS CARRIED STORY ON DELIVERY OF NEW ICCS BUDGET AT LEVEL OF \$24.6 MILLION, BELIEVED TO BE FIRST PUBLISHED ACCOUNT.

2. TEXT OF EMBASSY-PREPARED TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH LANGUAGE LE COURRIER AS FOLLOWS:

QTE SAIGON (AFP)- THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE ICCS (IRAN, INDONESIA, HUNGARY, AND POLAND) HAVE AGREED ON AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD FROM THE END OF APRIL 1974 TO THE END OF MARCH 1975 FOR A SUM OF \$24,600,000 AND HAVE LAST WEEK INFORMED BY LETTER THE FOUR SIGNATORIES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS (U.S., SOUTH VIETNAM, NORTH VIETNAM AND NLF) IT WAS LEARNED FRIDAY FROM AN AUTHORIZED SOURCE. IN THE MONTH OF MAY 1973 FOR THE FIRST BUDGETARY YEAR (FEBRUARY 1, 1973 TO MARCH 1974) THE ICCS DECIDED

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ON AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$43 MILLION OF WHICH 92 PERCENT WAS TO BE

PAID BY THE COUNTRIES SIGNING THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. THE 8 PER-CENT REMAINING WAS TO BE CHARGED TO THE FOUR COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE ICCS.

IN FACT THE NLF AND NORTH VIETNAM FOUND THE BUDGET TOO HIGH. ESTIMATING THAT THE ICCS COULD FUNCTION WITH AN \$18 MILLION PER YEAR. ON THEIR PART, THE U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAM CALCULATED THAT THE SUM WAS TOO HIGH BUT THAT THE BUDGET COULD NOT BE LESS THAN \$28 MILLION.

BY THE DATE OF MATURITY OF THE FIRST ANNUAL BUDGET, THE U.S. HAD ADVANCED \$9,200,000, SOUTH VIETNAM \$6,542,571, NLF \$1,333,000, AND NORTH VIETNAM \$2,517,403.

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED FROM AN AUTHORIZED SOURCE NORTH VIETNAM WILL NOT PAY ONE CENT MORE AS LONG AS THE U.S. DOES NOT ABIDE BY ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT THAT DISCLAIMS THAT, THE U.S. WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND TO POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA.

THE DECISION OF THE U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAM ARE NOT YET KNOWN.

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